

**CITY OF MONONA
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Conference Room
5211 Schluter Road
Wednesday- April 28, 2021**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order: Chair Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm

2. Roll Call:

Committee Members Present: Kathy Thomas (ZOOM), Nancy Moore (ZOOM), Larry Reed (ZOOM), Mark Zwart (ZOOM), Chris Henderson (ZOOM), Angela Davis (ZOOM) and Connie Miley (ZOOM).

Committee Members Absent: Jim Bisbee and Joe Fontaine

Staff Present: Interim Police Chief Deuman (ZOOM), Fire Chief McMullen (ZOOM) and Lieutenant Curtis Wiegel (ZOOM).

3. Minutes: A motion was made by Alder Moore, seconded by Member Miley, to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2021 meeting. Minutes approved.

4. Appearances:

- a) Kathy Thomas – Introduction of newest member, Mark Zwart. All member introductions.

5. Unfinished Business:

a) Discussion of Bike Registration

Chief Deuman summarized the previous discussions regarding repeal of Monona Bike Registration ordinance. Madison has still not recommended a specific National Registry while Bike Fitchburg had a preference for Bike Index. Alder Thomas requested a resolution be drafted to repeal the bike ordinance

Member Reed advised his contacts at Trek had no familiarity with either of the National Registries. Chair Thomas suggested we would not yet make a specific recommendation for either of the National Registries at this time, the resolution is only to repeal the ordinance.

Motion made by Member Henderson, second by Member Reed to pass the resolution on to the council. Motion carries.

6. New Business:

a) Discussion of Street Safety for cars, bikes and pedestrians

Chair Thomas brought forth this item for new business due to the expected increase in bicyclists and pedestrians since COVID. Would like to have a community discussion about ideas that work or are effective for slowing traffic and making bicycles and pedestrians more safe. Some recent avenues for attempting to make areas safer include stop signs and speed humps/tables.

Member Miley commented that there are many walkers and bicyclists that are not walking or riding on the correct side of the street. Suggested perhaps additional signage directing them the proper side to use. Member Zwart agreed about walkers/bicyclists not using the correct side but added it all seems to come down to speed. Member Davis said while signage is good, sometimes you can show people better than by telling them by using speed bumps or some other physical deterrent to get vehicles to slow down.

Interim Chief Deuman advised a second speed trailer has been ordered. The new trailer is a combination speed trailer/message board which could be utilized for messages to bicyclists and pedestrians.

Member Reed advised Madison is going to experiment with 20 mph zones on some residential streets. Member Reed also added that there are other states/areas that support the 20 is plenty campaign for residential streets.

Alder Moore agreed some educational tips may be helpful now that the warm season is approaching. Sidewalks in some areas may be beneficial as talked about in the Bike-Ped plan. Population is getting younger which will mean more young children. Believes education should be focused on bicyclists, walkers and drivers.

Chair Thomas stated South Winnequah seems to have more issues with vehicles speeding. Member Henderson added that North Winnequah also seems to be a problem with a lot of people walking to the parks and Bait Shop and it's on a bike route. Believes the focus should be on the problem areas where there is a high amount of vehicle, pedestrian and bicycle traffic.

Chair Thomas said there would likely be a move to increase the number of speed humps going in on roads in Monona. Chief McMullen advised the larger speed humps, not like those on McKenna Rd, create a lot of issues with the Fire Trucks. Lt. Wiegel indicated the speed humps on McKenna may slow traffic not familiar with the area but for those who have been through the area it becomes apparent they can travel over the speed hump at or above the speed limit.

Traffic calming circles are being used on some Madison streets that seem to help and Chief McMullen said the fire trucks can maneuver through those. Chief McMullen expressed interest in being part of any discussions for traffic calming as it relates to fire and ems apparatus use.

7. Review Monthly Financial Reports: Law Enforcement, Fire Protection, Emergency Communications and Ambulance.

Financial to be discussed with department reports. No discussion.

8. Discussion of future agenda items.

No future items discussed.

9. Reports:

Fire:

- Budget looking fine as far as expenditures. Revenues are starting to increase with the new billing company. Calls in April have increased so believe revenues should follow suit.
- Have made some good strides staffing Medic 62 which is utilized when Medic 60 is tied up on a call.
- Volunteer process will be opening up May 5, running through May 26. Are looking to bring on about 5 people. Will run another process in the fall and run two per year from this point forward.
- Three members will be finishing EMS Basic class in the next few weeks.
- EMS makes up about 86% of our calls. Have had two structure fires and a lot of crashes for Fire in the construction zone on the beltline.
- Speed seems to be an issues causing the crashes. Dane County approved additional traffic enforcement in construction area.
- Reached out to One City School COO to try to work on programs to get kids involved in internships, etc. with City Government.

Police:

- PD on track to be on budget.
- Have two Officer openings. We have run two processes and are not getting the quantity or quality of applicants.
- Member Davis asked about where we advertise. Currently we advertise on Wilenet and our City website. Suggestions were made for advertising on Madison 365, Black/Latino Chamber of Commerce, utilize the list used by GovHR and Urban Triage. Also suggested meeting with Nehemiah and/or Dr. Rubin Anthony at Urban League for suggestions on where to recruit.
- Total Calls for Service (CFS) in Jan 920 and so far Feb 667
- December and January Monthly Reports were sent to all members.

Building Inspection:

- No current report available.

Police and Fire Commission:

- No report available.

10. Next meeting date: May 26, 2021

11. Adjournment: Motion was made by Member Zwart, second by Member Davis, to adjourn. Motion approved unanimously at 7:04 pm.